

standing will be had with the people of America.

Premier Okuma states that documents evidence will show that England not only requested Japan's assistance, but approved her entire program.

A dispatch from Peking says the German minister and Chinese Foreign Office were about to sign an agreement regarding Tsing Tau when Japan's decision was reached, whereupon the Chinese Foreign Office decided not to proceed.

Other dispatches say President Yuan Shi Kai is satisfied with Japan's attitude and pledges.

A dispatch from Harbin, Manchuria, says railway passenger communication is open between Siberia and European Russia.

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Premier Okuma has requested the Japanese people to be especially considerate of German residents, Japan, he said, has no animosity against the Germans whose lives and property are protected by law.

An imperial ordinance gives German merchantmen until September 3 to discharge their cargoes and sail away safely under the protection of passports.

REPLY IS RECEIVED

LONDON, August 23 (1:56 P. M.).—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Amsterdam says an official communication received there from Berlin declared the Japanese diplomatic representative in the German capital today received by word of mouth the German answer to the Japanese ultimatum.

This was that the German government had no reply to make to the Japanese demands. The government, therefore, was obliged to recall the German ambassador at Tokyo, and hand his passports to the Japanese charge d'affaires at Berlin.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IS HANDING PASSPORTS. ROTTERDAM, August 23.—The Japanese ambassador at Berlin was handing his passports to the German charge d'affaires at Berlin.

OBITUARY

Mrs. William L. Walters. The widow of Dr. William Walters, died at her residence, 2315 West 10th Street, yesterday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

Though she had been ill for several months, and her death was not unexpected, she came suddenly. Mrs. Walters was descended from a long Presbyterian ancestry, which was distinguished both in religious and social circles. She was the daughter of Rev. James Waddell, the grandnephew of the late Rev. John C. Calhoun, who founded the first Presbyterian church in the territory that is now covered by the city of Norfolk.

Throughout her long and useful life she was faithful to the memories and traditions of such an ancestry. She was especially interested in the founding of the present Western Presbyterian church, of which she was the oldest member.

Mrs. Walters reared a large family, of whom the members survive her: William L. Charles T. and Emmett Walters, Miss Margaret A. Walters and Mrs. George C. Walters, who is now Mrs. R. C. Ainsworth, of Norfolk, and George C. and J. Dru Walters, of Atlantic City.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. James V. Fair, D. D., will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning at a prominent funeral home.

Mrs. Sarah J. Stewart. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CULPEPER, Va., August 23.—Mrs. Sarah J. Stewart, wife of the late Mr. J. H. Stewart, died this morning at "The Grove," the home of her son-in-law, Charles H. Stewart, at Culpeper, Va., at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Beverly Buckner Lockridge. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LENOX, Va., August 23.—Mrs. Beverly Buckner Lockridge, wife of H. A. Lockridge, a Lynchburg business man, died last night at St. Andrew's Hospital after an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Katherine Beronnet Meares. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, August 23.—Mrs. Katherine Beronnet Meares, at one time president of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, and a great social worker, died at her home here early this morning at the age of 72 years.

DEATHS

VALTERS.—Died, at her residence, 101 West Grace Street, Sunday, August 23, 1914, at 11:15 P. M., HANNAH ALBON WALTERS, widow of Dr. William L. Walters, in the seventy-ninth year of her age.

ROACH.—Died, August 22, 1914, at 7:30 P. M., at his residence, 1007 Lewis Street, RICHMOND, aged thirty years. He was the son of the late George T. Roach. He leaves a wife, infant mother and three children to mourn their loss.

PERRIN.—Died, at the residence of Mrs. John P. Perrin, Sunday morning, Mrs. ANN PERRIN, mother of the late John P. Perrin, in the eighty-eighth year of her age.

Funeral will take place at the Sacred Heart Cathedral THIS AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock.



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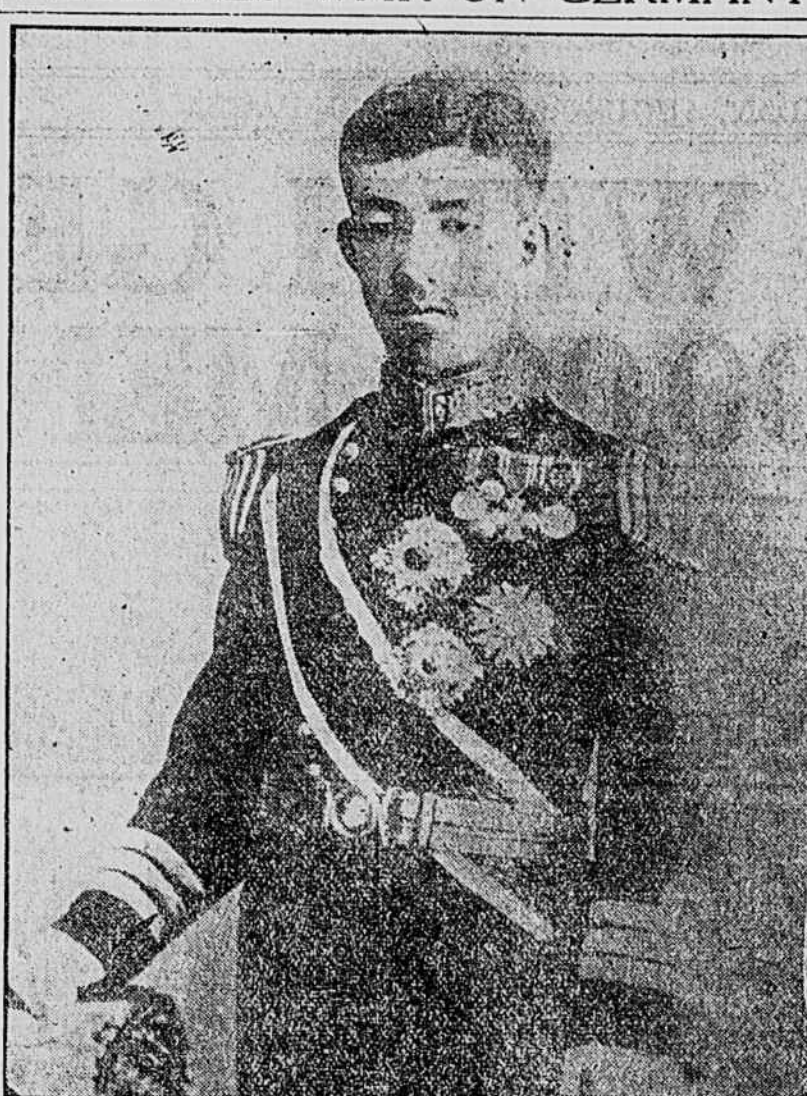
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DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY



EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

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WAR TO HOLD CONGRESS IN INDEFINITE SESSION

Commerce, Which Is Stricken by Conflict, Principal Subject of Concern.

PHILIPPINE BILL IN HOUSE

Moves Bearing on Proposal to Raise War Revenue Await Expected Message From Wilson—Loss of \$100,000,000 Indicated.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—War in Europe promises to hold Congress in session indefinitely. Commerce, which the war has stricken, is the principal subject with which Congress is concerned.

NATIONS AGREE TO LOAN \$100,000,000 TO BELGIUM

LONDON, August 23.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency, from Paris, says France and Great Britain have agreed to advance Belgium \$100,000,000 to enable her to face the necessities arising from the war.

France and Great Britain each will provide half of this sum.

MAZATLAN ALLOWED TO SAIL

Steamer Held Up for Several Days—Then Given Clearance Papers.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23.—The Mexican steamer Mazatlan, whose clearance papers from this port have been held up for several days because of the war, was allowed to sail today.

Instructions to permit the vessel to sail were received from Washington by Collector of Port J. O. Davis.

BAPTIST MINISTER KILLED IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 23.—Rev. C. M. Erwin, a Baptist minister of Hickory, N. C., was killed, and George Bridges and a small son were seriously injured this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Bostie, Rutherford County, when a mule which they were driving to a buggy, became frightened.

The mule, which was running in a post and throwing the three to the ground. Mr. Bridges appears to have lost an eye. His son's skull is fractured.

HALTED BY BRITISH WARSHIP

Dutch Steamer Reports the Essex Off Delaware Breakwater.

NEW YORK, August 23.—The British cruiser Essex was off the Delaware Breakwater this morning, according to Captain Milne, of the Dutch steamer Van Der Duyn, which came into New York harbor to-night from Kingston.

When off the Delaware Breakwater at 9:30 o'clock this morning two shots were fired across the steamer's bow.

Soon a boat from the intercepting warship, which proved to be the Essex, came alongside and an official salute was exchanged.

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PLAN OF UNITED STATES DISAPPROVED BY FRANCE

Not Willing That Ships Owned by Belligerents, Chartered by This Government, Be Neutral.

AID TO GERMAN SHIPPING

Recent Appearance of Facilities for Bringing Americans Home Make It Unlikely That Point Will Be Pressed.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—France has replied unfavorably to the proposal of the United States that ships owned by belligerent countries, but chartered by this government for the sole purpose of "repatriating" Americans, be regarded as neutral.

The United States recently notified all European belligerents that this government, under the 1907 league convention, would regard as neutralized ships chartered to bring Americans home.

Each power, however, was asked for a declaration of the subject.

Great Britain responded that if such ships were manned by American officers and flew the American flag, she would have no objection. The plan was to charter Hamburg-American liners tied up in American ports to go abroad, bring Americans home, and remain in American ports after their return.

France disapproved of the plan on the ground that this would be an advantage to German shipping.

Germany was willing to permit the Hamburg-American liners to be used to bring Americans home, voluntarily offering to do so before the United States sounded the Berlin government on this point.

Officials did not say whether they would continue to regard foreign-owned ships chartered by the American government as neutral, carrying out to the letter their construction of the Hague convention. It is not believed France or Great Britain would interfere with these ships if the United States had no other way of bringing Americans home, but as such facilities have appeared in the past week it is unlikely that the United States will press the point.

SITUATION CLEARED UP

According to Page (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, August 23.—United States Ambassador Walter Page, at London, reported at length to the State Department today on the subject of the home-coming of Americans in Europe.

Mr. Page makes two general statements that the situation has cleared up. He says that nearly all of the Americans who a week ago were asking to get transportation, have already left for home.

Their places have been filled by "a constant stream from the Continent." Mr. Page states, but these are being taken care of rapidly, and there is no danger of congestion.

Mr. Page includes in his report news from the Tennessee, which is supposed to be still at Rotterdam. He says that Major Daniel W. Ketchum, who is in charge of disbursements on the cruiser, states that the payments to those entitled to them are being made satisfactorily.

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